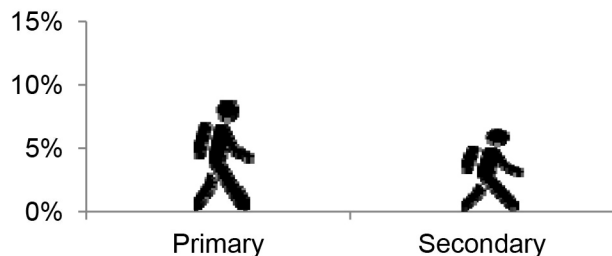


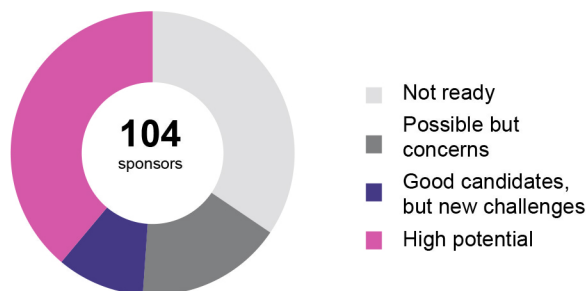
The West Midlands has a relatively consistent proportion of academies across its constituent Local Authorities. A particular challenge that the region faces in the high number of coasting secondary academies

1. The region has an average proportion of academies both at primary & secondary level. There is no Local Authority in the region where less than 10% of schools are academies.
2. Over a third of sponsors operating in the region are likely to be able to take on new schools immediately & the region has one of the lowest proportions of sponsors not ready for taking on new schools.
3. The challenge posed by coasting secondary academies is particularly high.
4. The challenge posed by increasing pupil numbers is comparatively low, particularly at primary level.

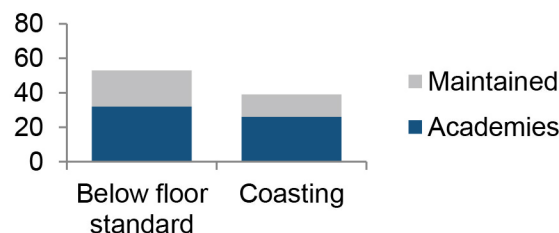
Forecasted primary pupil numbers show some of the lowest increases in the country at 9% by 2018/19. Increase at secondary level is forecast at 6%



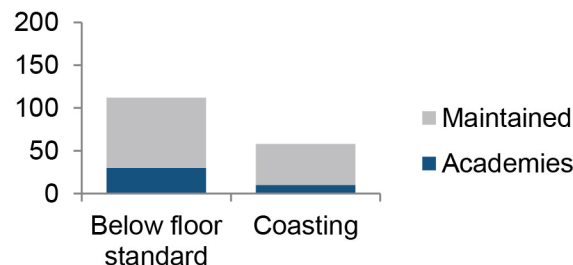
39% of sponsors are likely to be able to take on new schools immediately



West Mids. has one of the highest number of coasting secondary academies...



...& 82 maintained primary schools below the floor standard



276

Secondary academies

65%

Of secondary schools are academies

361

Primary academies

18%

Of primary schools are academies

The level of academisation is relatively consistent across Local Authorities; and there is no LA where less than 10% of schools are academies

